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SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF MILITARY ITEMS RECOVERED FROM INDOCHINA

REF: A. MANILA 11732 B. STATE 200194

1. IN MEETING ALREADY ARRANGED BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFERENCES A AND B, I SAW MINISTER OF DEFENSE PANGGABEAN AUGUST 25 PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS VISIT OF INDONESIAN MILITARY TEAM TO WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 15.

2. GIVEN MY CONTINUING CONCERNS THAT INDONESIAN POST-CAMP DAVID EXPECTATIONS OUTRUN REALITIES I TOLD MINISTER THAT WHILE PRESIDENT FORD, AS HE TOLD PRESIDENT SUHARTO AT CAMP DAVID, GENUINELY WANTS TO DO SOMEWHAT MORE FOR INDONESIA USG WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED BY CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORITY. WE HOPE FOR AND ARE REQUESTING SOMEWHAT LARGER SUM FOR INDONESIAN MAP BUT GOI SHOULD EXPECT NO DRAMATIC INCREASES. I URGED THAT INDONESIANS GIVE US AN INDICATION OF THEIR PRIORITIES AND SPECIFIC ITEMS THEY DESIRE DISCUSS IN WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PREPARATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR USEFUL RESPONSES AT SEPTEMBER MEETING.

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3. QUESTION OF EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM INDOCHINA WAS

RAISED. I REMINDED MINISTER THAT PRESIDENT HAD MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ONLY POSSIBILITY FOUR SHIPS AND THAT I WAS STILL NOT IN POSITION SUGGEST WHAT ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IF ANY, MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. I CAUTIONED THAT AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT LIKELY BE BLOW US STANDARDS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE ONLY ON AS-IS, WHERE-IS BASIS. I SAID I HOPED TO HAVE FURTHER DETAILS SHORTLY INCLUDING INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT BY INDONESIAN TEAM.

4. IN MINISTER REPLY HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS EQUIPMENT BUT AS HE TALKED OF "VARIOUS WEAPONS" IT WAS CLEAR HE HAS MUCH LARGER STOREHOUSE OF EQUIPMENT IN MIND.

5. COMMENT: WHILE APPRECIATING DIFFICULTIES FACING DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN I MUST REITERATE THAT PROBLEM OF EXPECTATIONS HERE IS ALREADY SERIOUS ONE AND ANY OBJECTIONS ON PART OF PHILIPPINES EITHER TO ALLOCATION OR TO VISIT OF INDONESIAN TEAM WILL ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO OUR PROBLEM. ONCE PHILIPPINES AND THAIS ARE ADVISED OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT INDONESIANS WILL LEARN THROUGH ASEAN GRAPEVINE BEFORE THEY LEARN FROM US. I THEREFORE HOPE I CAN BE INSTRUCTED MOVE QUICKLY ONCE AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN HAS TALKED WITH GOP.
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